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National Kidney Disease
Education Program

Chronic Kidney Disease Compendium

*Online Resources About Chronic
Kidney Disease*

Section I

Introduction

This section of the *Chronic Kidney Disease Compendium* includes resources about chronic kidney disease that are available online. It includes web pages that:

- have information about chronic kidney disease for patients, their families, or health care providers;
- list links to sites with information about chronic kidney disease; or,
- describe educational programs about chronic kidney disease.

Most online sites referred to elsewhere in the *Compendium* are included as well as listservs and newsgroups that are related to chronic kidney disease.

The web pages in this section are grouped by their sources as follows:

- U.S. Government
- Voluntary and professional organizations with a primary interest in kidney disease
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Entries are alphabetical within each group.

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Government Web Pages

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.ahrpr.gov/consumer/diaginfo.htm>

This patient education booklet encourages readers to learn more about their health diagnosis in order to make educated choices and participate as active members of their own health care team. The booklet guides readers in determining whether the information they are finding (particularly on the Internet) is accurate, science based, and reputable.

Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/quality>

A program to eliminate health disparities by improving health status in underserved populations.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/complications/kidney.htm>

This web page has an article about diabetes and kidney complications.

<http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/tcyd/kidney.htm>

Online chapter (pp. 47-50) in Take Charge of Your Diabetes, 2nd. ed., describes how diabetes can cause kidney disease, how diabetic nephropathy is diagnosed, and what someone can do to prevent the occurrence or worsening of kidney disease.

Division of Kidney, Urologic, and Hematologic Diseases (KUH), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health

<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/fund/divisions/KUH/KUHintro.htm>

NIDDK website with introduction to KUH, scientific program descriptions, resources and activities, conferences and workshops, and recent advances and opportunities.

Division of Nutrition Research Coordination (DNRC), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health

<http://dnrc.nih.gov/>

NIDDK website with introduction to DNRC; links to the NIH Nutrition Coordinating Committee meeting minutes; calendar of nutrition conferences, meetings and activities; education materials; National Nutrition Month Activities; NIDDK nutrition and obesity publications online; and more.

National Diabetes Education Program, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health

<http://ndep.nih.gov/materials/pubs/control-for-life/benefits.html>

The Benefits of Controlling Diabetes for Life. Very brief mention of kidney disease in diabetes.

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health

<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/diabetes/ndic.htm>

NDIC's home page, with links to publications list and CHID.

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/hbp/hbp/effect/kidneys.htm>

High Blood Pressure and Kidney Damage.

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/hypertension/jnc6.pdf>

The Sixth Report of the Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Pressure.

National High Blood Pressure Education Program (NHBPEP), National Heart, Lung, and blood Institute, National Institutes of Health

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/nhbpep/index.htm>

Home page for the NHBPEP, with educational materials and descriptions of the program.

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health

<http://www.niddk.nih.gov>

NIDDK home page: information for patients and professionals, research updates, fact sheets and newsletters available online, publication ordering and downloading, clinical trials information, etc.

National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse (NKUDIC), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health

<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/kidney/nkudic.htm>

NIDDK website with information on NKUDIC; links to publications and to CHID.

National Kidney Disease Education Program (NKDEP), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health

<http://www.nkdep.nih.gov>

NKDEP's website provides information for health professionals and patients about chronic kidney disease including, guidelines, statistics, reports from the NKDEP Steering Committee, an event calendar, news, as well as links to other kidney disease organizations, including the National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse, a public information service of NIDDK.

National Library of Medicine (NLM), National Institutes of Health

<http://nlm.nih.gov>

The National Library of Medicine offers several important online resources to help health care professionals and the general public acquire reliable health information. In addition to the URL for the NLM home page, we are providing two other useful links here.

Combined Health Information Database (CHID)

<http://chid.nih.gov/welcome/welcome.html>

CHID is a bibliographic database produced by health-related agencies of the Federal Government. This database provides titles, abstracts, and availability information for health information and health education resources. CHID lists a wealth of health promotion and education materials and program descriptions that are not indexed elsewhere. New records are added quarterly and current listings are checked regularly to help ensure that entries are up to date and still available from their original sources.

MEDLINE and MeSH

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed>

MEDLINE is available in a user-friendly interface. Users may search for a particular article by author or title, or perform a more general search by using subject terms from MeSH, the list of Medical Subject Headings.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/meshhome.html>

Interested searchers can explore MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) in more detail. Searches can be limited by date range, journal name, type of article (review, clinical trial, etc.), and by a number of subheadings, as well as by designation of subject headings as major or minor in importance. Details on these more advanced methods of searching are available at the PubMed website given in the MEDLINE entry.

Office of Minority Health Research Coordination (OMHRC), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health

<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/fund/divisions/omhrc/omhrcintro.htm>

NIDDK website with introduction to OMHRC; links to research program information; information about how to apply for grants and contracts; online grant applications; the Strategic Plan on Minority Health Disparities, which discusses kidney disease; sample education programs; and more.

Office of Minority Health Resource Center, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.omhrc.gov>

Offers a bibliographic listing of sources of health materials written specifically for African Americans, American Indians (including Alaska Natives), Asians, Hispanics, and Pacific Islanders. Provides links to many useful sources of information. Search “kidney disease” to find articles and information about diabetes and kidney disease.

Office of Quality and Performance and the Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Development Work Group, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

http://www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg/ESRD/ESRD_Base.htm

The Management of Chronic Kidney Disease and Pre-ESRD in the Primary Care Setting: Guideline.

United States Renal Data System (USRDS)

<http://www.usrds.org>

A national data system which collects, analyzes, and distributes information about end-stage renal disease (ESRD) in the United States. The USRDS is funded directly by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) in conjunction with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The USRDS Coordinating Center is operated under a contract with the Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation.

<http://www.usrds.org/links.htm>

This web page provides links to nephrology resources, including Organizations/Agencies, Nephrology Resources, Resources for Dialysis Patients, and Journals.

Voluntary and Professional Kidney Organization Web Pages

American Academy of Nephrology Physician Assistants

<http://aanpa.org>

Professional association website.

American Association of Kidney Patients

<http://www.aakp.org>

Brochures, news, program descriptions, online newsletter, etc.

American Kidney Fund

<http://www.akfinc.org>

Kidney disease facts, suggestions for healthy living, etc.

American Nephrology Nurses' Association

<http://anna.inurse.com>

News and information for nursing professionals: job opportunities, continuing education, etc.

American Society of Nephrology

<http://www.asn-online.org>

News and information for society members; kidney disease facts and statistics.
Information for patients.

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

<http://www.aspneph.com>

Information about the Society and about pediatric kidney disease; links to other resources and organizations.

Australian Kidney Foundation

<http://www.kidney.org.au>

Fact sheets, kidney disease epidemiologic study, educational resources and books, news, etc.

Caring for Australians with Renal Impairment

<http://www.cari.kidney.org.au/index.htm>

Draft CARI guidelines for dialysis, early renal impairment, and transplantation are available here, along with other information about the guideline development project.

Centre for Kidney Research

<http://www.kidney-research.org/projects.htm>

This organization hosts 11 research groupings in kidney and urologic disease in Australia, including the CARI guidelines group, the Aboriginal Health Research Group, the Cochrane Renal Group, and the International IgA Nephropathy Network.

CyberNephrology

<http://www.cybernephrology.org/vision/visionProjects.htm>

The cyberNephrology™ Project, launched in 1997, is designed to take advantage of the ever-changing and increasing resources available on the World Wide Web to facilitate the practice of nephrology to the benefit of renal patients throughout the world. An advisory board of experts in nephrology and information technology, headed by Dr. Robert Schrier of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, guides the project and sets long-term goals.

Forum of End-Stage Renal Disease Networks

<http://www.esrdnetworks.org/index.htm>

Links to the website of each of the End-Stage Renal Disease Networks, information about the Forum and its purpose and activities, data reports, database of U.S. dialysis units.

International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis

<http://www.ispd.org>

Society information, publications, and guidelines.

International Society of Nephrology

<http://www.isn-online.org>

Society information, publications, nice set of web links.

International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism

<http://wdsroot.ucdavis.edu/clients/renalsoc/default.html>

Professional society website.

Internet Nephrology Resources

<http://www.thekidney.org>

Extensive list of resources available on the Internet, including general sites, societies, journals, continuing education, renal divisions of hospitals, medical schools, research sites and vendor sites, and government resources.

Kidney Cancer Association

<http://www.nkca.org>

Information on research, clinical trials, etc., for patients and professionals.

Kidney Foundation of Canada

<http://www.kidney.ca>

Publications including one with warning signs, other information about the organization including programs.

Kidney Foundation of Greater Cincinnati

<http://home.fuse.net/kidney/programs.htm>

Information on patient services and patient and professional education programs.

Kidney School™

<http://www.kidneyschool.org>

Life Options Kidney School™ is an interactive, web-based learning center arranged in 20-minute modules. It was designed to help people learn what they need to know to understand kidney disease and its treatment, adjust to kidney disease, make good medical choices, and live as fully as possible. You decide which modules to visit and when—so what you learn is entirely up to you.

Kidney Transplant/Dialysis Association

<http://www.ktda.org>

Information about the Association and its services, downloadable Patient Handbook, news and meeting dates.

Life Options Rehabilitation Program

<http://www.lifeoptions.org>

Award-winning site with information about risks for kidney disease, symptoms, lab tests, how to slow progression, and frequently asked questions, Patient Bulletin Board, Professional Bulletin Board, tips, patient stories, extensive links to other websites and a large number of free, research-based publications and other materials that can be downloaded or ordered.

National Association of Nephrology Technicians/Technologists

<http://www.dialysistech.org>

Professional organization website: news, publications, membership information, etc.

National Kidney Foundation (NKF)

<http://www.kidney.org>

Links to the rest of the site, including patient and professional information, K/DOQI (Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative) guidelines, the electronic newsletter (E-Kidney), events information, membership information, and much more.

Go straight to the K/DOQI guidelines at <http://www.kdoqi.org>.

The Newsroom: <http://www.kidney.org/general/news/index.cfm>

National Kidney Foundation (NKF) website list of publications: news releases, health information, NKF programs and events, NKF celebrity spokespeople, news about NKF officers and staff, NKF partnerships, related news from other organizations, and list of fact sheets.

Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP): <http://www.keeponline.org>

NKF's early evaluation and screening program, KEEP, is designed to identify those at increased risk for kidney disease for people who are 18 years old or older and have high blood pressure or diabetes, or have a family member with high blood pressure, diabetes, or chronic kidney failure. A majority of the NKF affiliates offer the KEEP program in their communities.

National Kidney Foundation Affiliates

http://www.kidney.org/general/affiliates/nkf_affiliates.cfm

This website provides access to the National Kidney Foundation's 52 U.S. affiliates that have programs, publications, services, news, events, and other subjects of interest online. You can search by State or ZIP code to locate an affiliate of your choice.

National Kidney Foundation of Singapore

<http://www.nkfs.org>

News, quizzes, health information, resources, recipes, etc.

National Kidney Research Fund

<http://www.nkrf.org.uk>

UK fund-raising organization website; information about sponsored projects, National Kidney Helpline.

NephCure Foundation

<http://www.nephcure.org>

News about the battle against glomerular disease; research updates; personal stories.

Nephrology Analytical Services

<http://www.nephrology.org>

Summaries of research, database of ESRD patient data which can be customized.

PKD Foundation

<http://www.pkdcure.org>

Regularly updated medical and research information regarding polycystic kidney disease (PKD). Patient resources. Online research grant applications. Annual conference information and registration. Membership information. Links to other kidney-related sites.

RenalNet

<http://www.renalnet.org>

Kidney information clearinghouse.

Renal Physicians Association

<http://www.renalmd.org>

Professional organization website.

The Transplantation Society

<http://www.transplantation-soc.org>

Organization to further knowledge in transplantation biology and medicine; provide professional publications.

World Kidney Fund

<http://www.worldkidneyfund.org>

World news about kidney disease.

Other Organization Web Pages

American Diabetes Association

<http://www.diabetes.org/main/application/commercewf>

Skim through the Site Map for information about kidney disease in diabetes. Also, two articles from association journals are listed below. An electronic newsletter, E-News Now, is available at <http://www.diabetes.org/ada/Emaillist.asp>

<http://www.diabetes.org/diabetesForecast/97mar/pg32.htm>

Diabetes Forecast article *Protecting Those Fabulous Filters* (3/97).

http://care.diabetesjournals.org/cgi/content/full/25/suppl_1/s85

Diabetes Care article *Clinical Practice Recommendations 2002*, Position Statement on Diabetic Nephropathy.

American Dietetic Association

<http://www.eatright.org>

General dietary information, Find a Dietitian link.

American Heart Association, Council on the Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease

<http://216.185.112.5/presenter.jhtml?identifier=1121>

Describes the Council and its functions. Basic information on the kidney and cardiovascular disease.

American Society for Artificial Internal Organs

<http://www.asaio.com>

Professional society website.

American Society of Transplantation

<http://www.a-s-t.org/navpatcare.htm>

Patient education resources, available in English and Spanish.

American Society of Transplant Surgeons

<http://www.ast.org>

Professional society website.

Clinical Digital Libraries Project

<http://www.slis.ua.edu/cdlp/WebDLCore/clinical/nephrology/index.htm>

Professional and patient/family resources on kidney disease available on the Internet.

Colorado HealthSite

http://www.coloradohealthnet.org/diabetes/diabetes_main.html

Diabetes Center lists several articles including one about diabetes and kidney disease.

ERA/EDTA Congress Report, September 1999

<http://www.kidney.org.uk/news/edtaconf99.html>

Summarizes the European Renal Association/European Dialysis and Transplant Association's (ERA/EDTA) guidelines on the management of anemia in patients with renal failure.

International Society on Hypertension in Blacks

<http://www.ishib.org>

Presents health information for patients and professionals, current news, and information on the group's educational and research programs. Search for "kidney disease" as exact phrase.

International Transplant Nurses Society

<http://www.itns.org>

Professional society website.

LifeBanc, Inc.

<http://www.lifebanc.org>

Information about organ donation, public education programs.

Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation

<http://www.mmrfweb.org>

See Organizations section for information.

Minority Organ and Tissue Transplant Educational Program

<http://www.nationalmottep.org/prevent.shtml>

Prevention tips; site also has statistics, information on transplantation, links to other sites; also available in Spanish.

National Federation for the Blind

<http://www.nfb.org>

Home page—search using “kidney disease” to find many relevant articles, including those from the newsletter, Voice of the Diabetic.

National Foundation for Transplants (formerly the Organ Transplant Fund)

<http://www.transplants.org>

Mostly fund-raising information; has links to other sites dealing with transplantation.

National Hypertension Association, Inc.

<http://www.nathypertension.org>

Information about the organization.

Nephrogenic Diabetes Insipidus Foundation

<http://www.ndif.org>

Information about NDI, a researcher directory, guidelines for a low sodium diet, etc.

New York Online Access to Health

<http://www.noah-health.org/english/illness/gastro/kidney.html>

Sponsored by a group of New York State sponsors (e.g., public libraries), this site has kidney education materials and many useful links, also available in Spanish.

North American Transplant Coordinators Organization

<http://www.natcol.org>

Professional society website.

Oxalosis and Hyperoxaluria Foundation

<http://www.ohf.org>

Information about the diseases and about membership.

Starbright Foundation

<http://www.starbright.org>

Producer of CD-ROMs and videos about various health issues for teens and pre-teens.

Texas Department of Health

<http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/kidney/links.htm>

Links to kidney disease websites

Transplant Recipients International Organization

<http://www.trioweb.org>

Under construction.

United Network for Organ Sharing

<http://www.unos.org>

Statistics, Transplant Patient Data Source, educational resources, links.

University of Connecticut Dialysis Center Education Programs

<http://health.uchc.edu/commprograms/kidney/index.htm>

Description of kidney disease education program.

Company Web Pages with Chronic Kidney Disease Information

@Nephrology

<http://www.atnephrology.com/nephrology>

Searchable gateway site with targeted search engines.

The African-American Community Health Advisory Committee

<http://www.next-stop.com/aachac/kidney.html>

Kidney Disease and African Americans article with links to other organizations.

Amgen

<http://www.amgen.com/patient/PatientResources.html#kidney>

Links to other sites including Renal Family Cookbook.

<http://www.renaladvances.com/index.jsp>

News and information for nephrology professionals.

Baxter Healthcare Corporation

<http://www.kidneydirections.com>

Baxter's patient education website is an interactive educational website for patients at risk for kidney failure as well as current patients, and their families and friends. The site includes information on the basics of kidney disease, its causes, symptoms and available treatment options. It also features diet tips and recipes, patient stories and quotes from nurses, physicians and patients.

Doc-To-Me Patient Lecture Series

<http://www.hdcn.com/doctome/symp/00dtm/dtm2000.htm>

Text of talks at a Patient Lecture Series in Toronto, Canada, in October 2000: Staying Healthy with Bad Kidneys. Registration (free) required to use.

EMMES Corporation

<http://www.emmes.com>

The EMMES Corporation, founded in 1977, provides statistical, data management, and organizational support to clinicians and biomedical scientists in government, industry, and university. Has done research support in nephrology.

Health on the Net Foundation

http://www.heliohealth.com/kidney/kf_03.html

Details about high blood pressure, blood pressure medications, low-protein diet, intensive management, Diabetes Control and Complications Trial, ACE inhibitors.

Hypertension Network (a LifeClinic site)

<http://www.bloodpressure.com>

Health information for patients with hypertension, key word searchable. LifeClinic also has a Diabetes section, with an article on diabetic kidney disease: see

<http://www.lifeclinic.com/focus/diabetes/default.asp>.

iKidney.com

<http://www.ikidney.com>

Educational materials for patients and health professionals, recipes, books and other materials for sale.

Kidney Options

<http://www.kidneyoptions.com>

Kidney Options is an educational resource for people who have or know people who have kidney disease, and a resource for health care professionals. The site includes a description of the patient-education seminars offered, a question of the week and recipe of the week, and information of various aspects of living with kidney disease. The program is sponsored by Fresenius Medical Care and the American Association of Kidney Patients.

Medbroadcast.com—The Kidney Channel

http://www.medbroadcast.com/health_topics/health_conditions/kidney/index.shtml

Information about kidney disease and general kidney function, diagnosis and testing, treatment and prevention of kidney disease. Also has information about diabetes, hypertension and nutrition, and links to kidney voluntary organizations.

Nephronline

<http://www.nephronline.org>

UK site sponsored by Amgen: resources for professionals. Includes the Renal Association's guidelines for treatment of adult patients with renal failure at:

<http://www.nephronline.org/standards>.

NephrologyLinx

<http://www.nephrologylinx.com/index.cfm>

List of recent articles and nephrology news for doctors.

Nephroquest

<http://www.nephron.com>

Visitors to this website will find easy-to-read details and facts about chronic kidney disease such as who it affects, how the kidneys work and what happens as the kidneys begin to fail as well as descriptions of each of the stages associated with chronic renal disease. The site also links to government agencies, kidney organizations, and other helpful sites.

<http://www.nephron.com/fkgframeset.html>

The chronic kidney disease section of the website.

NephroWorld

<http://www.nephroworld.com>

International site for news and information about nephrology and general health topics.

Ochsner Clinic Foundation

<http://www.ochsner.org/pcs/specialtycare/nephrology/nephSpecializedServices.html>

See Programs section for more information.

Ortho Biotech, Inc.

http://www.4anemia.com/kidney/kidney_00.jsp

“Anemia and Kidney Disease: What’s the Connection?” and other pages with information on the topic.

http://www.procrit.com/kidney/kidney_00.jsp

“Kidney Disease, Diabetes and Anemia: What’s the Connection?”

RenalService

<http://www.renalservice.com>

Patient record and support system, multimedia resources, links.

RenalWeb Patient Education

<http://www.renalweb.com/topics/patiented/patiented.htm>

Links to a variety of pages: news and latest articles, essential information, general resources, specific topic areas of interest. Created by *iKidney.com*.

RMS Disease Management

<http://198.89.138.130/disease/about.htm>

Information about kidney disease management services.

Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Renal Unit, EdRenINFO.

<http://Renux.dmed.ed.ac.uk/EdREN/EdRenINFOhome.html>

Information about kidney diseases and conditions, for patients or health professionals who are not renal specialists.

Listservs Relevant to Kidney Disease

Email discussion groups for patients

<http://www.cybernephrology.org/communication/commPatients.htm>

IGAN (majordomo@ualberta.ca). IgA Nephropathy (In the body type: subscribe IGAN)

KidneyDisease (majordomo@ualberta.ca). For adult patients with renal disease.
(In the body type: subscribe KIDNEYDISEASE)

NephKids (majordomo@ualberta.ca). For parents of children with renal disease.
(In the body type: subscribe NEPHKIDS) Also see
<http://cnserver0.nkf.med.ualberta.ca/nephkids>

PKD (pkdsupportgroup@cirs.org). A patient email discussion group for polycystic kidney disease. (In the body type: subscribe PKD)

TRANSPLNT (listserv@wuvmd@wustl.edu). Transplant patient discussion group.
(In the body type: subscribe TRANSPLNT)

Also:

www.kidney.org/patients/messageboard.cfm —National Kidney Foundation's Patient and Family Council listserv.

NEFROCAST@listserv.rediris.es (Spanish language).

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kidney_transplants/ — Discussion group for patients who have recently received or are about to receive a new kidney.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PKDCARE/> — Support group for people whose lives are affected by polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD or ARPKD).

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aakpkidneybeginnings/> — Internet newsletter devoted to those who have recently been diagnosed with kidney disease and those approaching kidney failure. It is transmitted on the first Thursday of each month.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CRFLife/> — List for those living with chronic renal failure (kidney disease) to share their experiences with others in the same situation.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dialysis-net/> — Discussion list for all issues relating to kidney dialysis and end-stage renal disease.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kidneydiet> — Forum for kidney patients hoping to preserve renal function with a low-protein diet. Moderated by a former volunteer with the National Institute of Health's MDRD (Modification of Diet in Renal Disease) project (1989-1994).

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EndStageRenalDisease> — Support for those living with end-stage renal disease.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/polycystickidney> — For people with polycystic kidney disease.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dialysis_support — The "original and authentic" globally recognized end-stage renal disease email support and educational forum. The list began posting in June 1995.

See <http://www.cybernephrology.org/communication/commProviders.htm> for a list of links to renal professionals' discussion groups.